(c) No, Sir. M/s. Westland, U.K. have however. submitted a proposal for the design and development of an item for use in the ALH. This will be evaluated alongwith quotations received from other sources.

Selection of IAS Officers for Tribal Areas

2811. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any steps to select IAS officers for posting in tribal areas who may have special understanding of their problems and train them for this purpose; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. because appointment of IAS officers to posts under the State Governments including those in tribal areas, is the exclusive concern of the State Governments and such postings do not come under the purview of the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Piper-Cheyenne—400 Aircraft

2812. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to manufacture a light aircraft, Piper Cheyenne—400. in collaboration with a US Corporation; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether a high powered deligation of the American Corporation recently visited India; if so, what are the details of discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) At present there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government for the manufacturing of such an aircraft. M|s Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) are, however, presently exploring the feasibility and viability' of the production of light executive aircraft. An aircraft under consideration is "Cheyenne—400 LS" of M|s Piper Aircraft Corporation USA In this connection, a team of officials from the above firm visited HAL in November 1987 for preliminary discussions.

Accommodation Facilities for the Central Government Employees welfare Associations

2813. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government Employees Welfare Associations in the various Government localities in Delhi are not ciations have not been provided any able to function properly as the associations have not been provided any accommodation; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to provide at least one room to each of such associations to function in an effective manner?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) The Central Govt. Employees Welfare Associations recognised by this Department in various Government localities are functioning properly. In so far as accommodation is concerned, Community Centres have been provided in many Government Residential colonies. These centres serve as focal points for Welfare activities. Many more Centres are under constructions.